

Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting (LPAC)

Advance the NAPs Process for Medium Term Investment Planning in Climate Sensitive Sectors (i.e. Agriculture, Energy, Waste Management, Forestry and Health) and Coastal areas in Liberia

Project Board Meeting Minutes

UNDP Conference Room, 7th Floor, Pan African Plaza

2nd Street, Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia

Thursday, June 29, 2017 (10:00 AM-12:30PM)



Cross-section of participants at NAPs-LPAC Board Meeting (The women seated, L-R are: Dr. Mary Molokwu Odozi, FFI Country Director, Asst. Minister/Ministry of Defence, Victoria K. Samuel, Madam Anyaa Vohiri/Executive Director/EPA & GEF Focal Point Liberia & Madam Margaret T. Sarsih, Asst. Minister/Ministry of Public Works



Participants at the NAPs-LPAC meeting listen attentively while Madam Anyaa Vohiri, Executive Director of the EPA stresses a point on the commencement of the NAPs preparatory process

Attendance

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Agenda:

No.	Action	Speaker	Time
01	Opening Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Dorlsa Farcarthy, UNDP Deputy Country Director, a.i. ▪ MFDP ▪ EPA 	10:00-10:15
02	Self-Introduction	Participants	10:15-10:40
03	Overview of the project	Mr. Moses Massah	10:20-11:00
04	Discussion	Participants	11:00-11:30
05	Resolution	Participants	11:30-12:00
06	AOB		12:00-12:30
END OF LPAC MEETING			

Opening Remarks

The NAPs LPAC Board Meeting was chaired by Madam Anyaa Vohiri, Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Liberia and GEF Focal Point, while Mr. Jeremiah G. Sanku coordinated the opening session before the plenary discussion. The meeting began 10:40, with self introduction by all participants, and followed by opening remarks by UNDP-Liberia, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP). In their separate remarks, the EPA Executive Director, historicized the processes that led to the formulation of the NAPs. UNDP Deputy Country Director, a.i., Mr. Dorlsa Farcarthy stressed the importance of the meeting and climate change impacts, urged participants to fully deliberate and & later asked for excuse to attend another prior engagement, while the Assistant Director, William S. Jeffv, who represented the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning, extended greetings from the Ministry, and said the Government of Liberia appreciates the GEF support to the Government of Liberia in elaborating its National Adaptation Plans process in climate sensitive sectors because it limits the constraints on the fiscal space. For his part, Mr. Benjamin Karmorh expressed delights for the funding because it is a major step in actualizing Liberia's NAPs.

The overview of the project was done by Mr. Moses Messah, UNDP-Liberia Program Specialist. Mr. Messah presented on "Advance the NAPs Process for Medium Term Investment Planning in Climate Sensitive Sectors (i.e. agriculture, energy, waste management, forestry and health) and Coastal areas in Liberia" His presentation covered the project background, overview, components and outputs. In his

presentation, he pointed out that GCF has already approved USD2, 263,466.70 for Liberia's NAPs Project development process to be executed within two years, beginning July 2017 and ending June 2019. The project according to the presentation named the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Climate Change Secretariat as direct beneficiaries and key partners as Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, National Disaster Management Commission, National Port Authority of Liberia, Liberia Maritime Authority, Bureau of National Fisheries, Liberia National Department of Meteorology of the Ministry of Transport, Liberia Institute of Statistics & Geo-Information Services and the University of Liberia.

According to the presentation, Mr. Massah named the outputs of the project as follow:

- I. Strengthening institutional frameworks and coordination for implementation of the NAPs process
- II. Expansion of the knowledge base for scaling up adaptation
- III. Building capacity for mainstreaming climate change adaptation into planning, and budgeting processes and systems
- IV. Formulation of financing mechanisms for scaling up adaptation (including public, private, national and international)

The two major expected results of the project, according to the presentation by Mr. Massah, include:

- I. Reduction of vulnerability and increase of adaptive capacity: through new and improved assessments for multisector and sectoral interventions, local areas based interventions, prioritizing interventions, costing interventions etc.
- II. Mainstreaming of climate risk into planning and budgeting processes: through institutional strengthening through national capacity development, upgrading skills, use of climate information, setting monitoring systems etc.

The presentation was followed by plenary discussion. After all the comments or discussions, the following were key:

- that the project shows tangible evidence at the end
- that all activities identified need to be costed
- that the sensitive mapping done by the Liberia Maritime Authority (LMA) needs to identify required actions
- that institutions whose activities contribute to the NAPs project be identified and likely be capture and included into the work plan

- that it was important for data/research information be made available/share with relevant sector
- that more awareness needs to be carried on the impacts of climate change and happenings within the sector for public knowledge

The resolution from the NAPs-LPAC meeting include:

- ✓ that the NAPs-LPAC Board Meeting endorsed the project and gave a go-ahead for implementation and commented GCF for making available the funding
- ✓ that the outputs and expected results are well intended and buttress the Government of Liberia development agenda
- ✓ that the transport sector be included into climate sensitive sector of the NAPs Document, if they are not already included
- ✓ that Liberia's NAPs should be informed by the MDGs/SDGs and National policy documents
- ✓ that NAPs-LPAC has endorsed the Project implementation
- ✓ that UNDP and EPA should develop a work plan for the project implementation
- ✓ that UNDP and EPA should begin the recruitment of the Program Manager
- ✓ that the Project inception workshop should be held by mid-July 2017
- ✓ that the report/minutes of the NAPs-LAPC meeting be done by UNDP/EPA

The meeting was adjourned by 12:30PM immediately. because there was no any other business, followed by lunch.

Signed:

Secretary:

Date:

4/7/17

Co-Chair:

Date:

9/8/2017

Chair:

Date:

4/7/17